

BEFORE THE

Federal Communications Commission

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF SECRETARY

In the Matter of

Amendment of Section 73.202(b),)	
Table of Allotments)	MM Docket No. 95-29
FM Broadcast Stations)	RM - 8596
(Iron Mountain and Negaunee, Michigan))	

To: Chief, Allocations Branch,
Policy and Rules Division,
Mass Media Bureau

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REPLY COMMENTS

The Superior Media Group, Inc. ("SMG"), the petitioner in the above-captioned proceeding, herein offers the following reply comments in the above-captioned proceeding.

SMG seeks allotment of Channel 294A to Iron Mountain, Michigan. In response to the Notice of Proposed Rule Making, DA 95-335, released March 2, 1995, SMG filed comments reiterating its interest in the proposed allotment. Comments and a counterproposal were filed by Negaunee Minors Radio ("NMR"). NMR requests Channel 294A be allotted to Negaunee, Michigan, instead of Iron Mountain.

SMG does not oppose allotment of an FM frequency to Negaunee as long as a frequency is also allotted to Iron Mountain. It appears that both communities may be accommodated. As demonstrated in the attached Engineering Statement, prepared by Wayne Reese of the consulting engineering firm E. Harold Munn, Jr. & Associates, Inc., five alternate frequencies are available

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at the referenced coordinates specified in NMR's counterproposal. Those frequencies are Channels 258A, 259A, 260A, 270A, and 289A.

Wherefore, in light of all circumstances present, the Commission should allot an FM frequency to Iron Mountain as well as Negaunee.

SUPERIOR MEDIA GROUP, INC.

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ENGINEERING STATEMENT

The Comments and Counterproposal of Negaunee Miners Radio ("Negaunee") to MM Docket No. 95-29 regarding the addition of Channel 294A to the Table of Allotments for use at Iron Mountain, MI, have been examined by this office. Negaunee is requesting that Channel 294A be assigned to the community of Negaunee, MI, rather than Iron Mountain.

At the request of counsel for Superior Media Group, Inc. ("Superior"), who filed the original petition to allot Channel 294A to Iron Mountain, a frequency search has been made to determine if there are alternate channels available for assignment to the community of Negaunee which would not be mutually exclusive with Superior's request. The frequency search was based on the reference coordinates cited in the Negaunee Counterproposal, North Latitude 46° 30' 18" and West Longitude 87° 36' 24". The results of this search indicate that there are five (5) such alternate frequencies—Channel 258A, Channel 259A, Channel 260A, Channel 270A, and Channel 289A.

It is concluded, therefore, that the grant of Superior's request for Channel 294A at Iron Mountain, MI, will not preclude the community of Negaunee from obtaining a local full-time aural service. Assuming Negaunee is willing to accept an alternate frequency, it should be possible to satisfy the needs of both parties.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify, subject to penalties for perjury, that the contents of this Engineering Statement are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

May 1, 1995

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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